



STATE OF MICHIGAN
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

**Meeting
of the
Board of State Canvassers**

**August 30, 2018
Lansing Center
Lansing, Michigan**

Called to order: 1:33 p.m.

Members present: Norm Shinkle – Chairperson
Julie Matuzak – Vice-Chairperson
Colleen Pero
Jeannette Bradshaw

Members absent: None.

Agenda item: Consideration of meeting minutes for approval.

Board action on agenda item: The Board approved the minutes of the August 24, 2018 meeting as submitted. Moved by Pero; supported by Matuzak. Ayes: Shinkle, Matuzak, Pero. Nays: None. Pass: Bradshaw. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Assignment of ballot proposal designations for statewide ballot proposals certified to appear on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot.

Board action on agenda item: The Board assigned the following designations to the statewide ballot proposals certified to appear on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot:

Coalition to Regulate Marihuana Like Alcohol, designated as 18-1
Voters Not Politicians, designated as 18-2.

Moved by Matuzak; supported by Pero. Ayes: Shinkle, Matuzak, Pero, Bradshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Consideration of the 100-word statement of purpose for the constitutional amendment petition filed by Voters Not Politicians, P.O. Box 8362, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49518.

Board action on agenda item: Six motions were offered.

First, the Board moved to approve the statement of purpose prepared by the Director of Elections for the initiative petition for constitutional amendment filed by Voters Not Politicians, as submitted. Moved by Pero; supported by Shinkle. Ayes: Shinkle, Pero. Nays: Matuzak, Bradshaw. Motion failed.

Next, the Board moved to approve the statement of purpose prepared by the Director of Elections with the following change to the proposed caption: "A proposed constitutional amendment to establish an open independent citizens redistricting commission with authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress." Moved by Matuzak, supported by Bradshaw. Ayes: Matuzak, Bradshaw. Nays: Shinkle, Pero. Motion failed.

Next, the Board moved to approve the statement of purpose prepared by the Director of Elections with the following change to the proposed caption: "A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a citizens commission with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress." Moved by Bradshaw, supported by Matuzak. Ayes: Matuzak, Bradshaw. Nays: Shinkle, Pero. Motion failed.

Next, the Board moved to reconsider the vote by which the first motion failed. Moved by Bradshaw, supported by Pero. Ayes: Shinkle, Pero, Bradshaw. Nays: Matuzak. Motion carried.

Next, the Board moved to approve the statement of purpose prepared by the Director of Elections for the initiative petition for constitutional amendment filed by Voters Not Politicians, as submitted. Moved by Pero; supported by Shinkle. Ayes: Shinkle, Pero. Nays: Matuzak, Bradshaw. Motion failed.

Next, the Board approved the statement of purpose as re-submitted by the Director of Elections for the initiative petition for constitutional amendment filed by Voters Not Politicians. Moved by Bradshaw, supported by Pero. Ayes: Shinkle, Pero, Bradshaw. Nays: Matuzak. Motion carried. The approved statement of purpose follows:

Proposal 18-2

A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Create a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State:
 - 4 each who self-identify as affiliated with the 2 major political parties; and
 - 5 who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties.
- Prohibit partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives, and lobbyists from serving as commissioners.
- Establish new redistricting criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting Michigan's diverse population and communities of interest. Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates.
- Require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.

Should this proposal be adopted? [] YES [] NO.

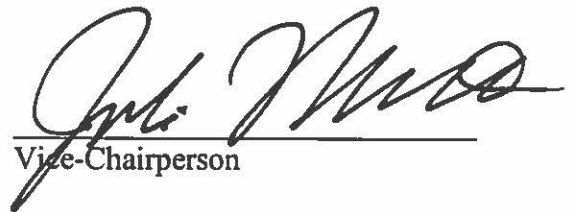
Agenda item: Such other and further business as may be properly presented to the Board.

Board action on agenda item: None.

Adjourned: 3:47 p.m.



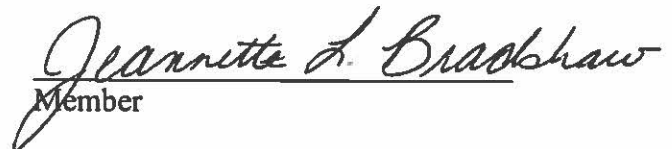
Chairperson



Vice-Chairperson



Member



Member

Sept. 7, 2018
Date